

## 8.0 Public Participation

EPA policy is that there must be full and meaningful public participation in the TMDL development process. Each state must, therefore, provide for public participation consistent with its own continuing planning process and public participation requirements. As a result, it is the intent of EPA in partnership with WVDEP to solicit public input by providing opportunities for public comment and review of the draft TMDLs. The public comment period began on January 30, 2004 and ended March 1, 2004. Public notices were published in eleven newspapers listed in Table 8-1.

**Table 8-1** Newspapers where public notices were published

<b>County</b>	<b>Newspaper</b>
Logan	<i>Logan Banner</i>
Wyoming	<i>The Independent Herald</i>
Wyoming	<i>The Advocate</i>
Mingo	<i>The Gilbert Times</i>
Mingo	<i>Williamson Daily News</i>
Raleigh	<i>The Register Herald</i>
Cabell	<i>The Cabell Record</i>
Cabell	<i>The Herald Dispatch</i>
Lincoln	<i>The Lincoln Journal</i>
Kanawha	<i>The Charleston Gazette</i>
Kanawha	<i>Charleston Daily Mail</i>

The public meetings pertaining to the Guyandotte River watershed occurred as follows:

- An informational public meeting to present the Draft TMDL was held on February 24, 2004 at Logan High School in Logan, West Virginia.
- An informational public meeting to present the Draft TMDL was held on February 25, 2004 at Hamlin Middle School in Hamlin, West Virginia.